

NCIDQ Examination

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WASHINGTON DC - The Council for Interior Design Qualification, producers of the NCIDQ Examination, welcome Thomas Banks, CAE FASID, as their new Executive Director, effective January 2016.

"After a comprehensive search process, the board is pleased to have selected such a well-suited individual to assume leadership of the organization," said Laurie McRae, President of CIDQ.

"With Thom's record of leadership in the non-profit arena combined with a deep understanding of the industry, we are

confident he has the skills to lead CIDQ and the NCIDQ Examination forward in a positive direction."

Thomas Banks, who has most recently served as Vice President at ForrestPerkins, a leader in luxury hotel, resorts and multi-residential projects, was Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Director of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) from 1998-2014. An honorary fellow of ASID, one of only 30 in the Society's 40-year history, Mr. Banks was also the inaugural President of the Interior Design Continuing Education Council and a founding board member of the National Academy of Environmental Design. Earlier in his career, Mr. Banks worked at the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Banks led the creation of REGREEN, a partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, to create the nation's first set of residential remodeling guidelines with accompanying educational courses, web tools and a certificate program. This resulted in more than 250,000 downloads and 2 million site visits.

"I am honored and grateful to the board for the opportunity to lead this organization which is dedicated to the betterment of the interior design industry," said Banks. "Having a positive impact on the health, safety and welfare of the public, while serving the industry I have dedicated my career to, is an opportunity I welcome and am very much looking forward to."

Mr. Banks holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.